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Vicki Brooker photos

Christmas comes to Elk Point Elementary School

Capacity crowds enjoyed a pair of very entertaining Christmas concerts at Elk Point Elementary School last week, the first, involving the 'A' classes, telling the story of the fourth Wise Man, second from left above, who was told by the other three that he must have a gift to take to the baby Jesus. Thursday's second concert was a total change of scene, as the North Pole gang hosted a television special starring... You guessed it! - Santa Claus!



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Legendary performance at Concert One

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

"I have heard far and wide about these concerts," Elk Point Elementary School principal Rob MacDonald said as he welcomed last

Wednesday's concert crowd. Having seen the dress rehearsal, he said, "It was no exaggeration." The success of the highly anticipated annual event is due to the dedication, talent and vision

of music teacher Don Buryn, the combined efforts of the staff, and the assistance of the parents, MacDonald noted.

Wednesday's MCs were Alexa Berlinguette and Carter Bitzer, while Georgia Bendixen and Chloe Cardinal led the singing of O Canada.

The program began with the KA students, singing "Gingerbread" and "Christmas Dance"

before the main presentation of "The Legend of the Christmas King" began with a tuneful introduction to Bethlehem, "the Village of the Sun," by a group of its residents, alias the Grade 6A class. One of these residents was Sabu, the proprietor of a "roadside emporium," who narrated this story of the fourth Wise Man, Artaban, an astronomer afflicted with allergies.

Artaban had calculated the coming arrival of the King of Kings, but despite his best efforts, wasn't entirely sure where the birth would occur. Mortimer, an angel in training, rode in on a tricycle and announced that he had been sent to help Artaban with his mission, and said three kings were also seeking that location. "If we meet up with them, it might

help," he suggested. The kings were accompanied in their quest by a huge caravan of men, veiled women and camels from Grade 3A, who told of their journey in "Plans, Sand and Caravans." Artaban and Mortimer did find the kings, who said they wouldn't take Artaban along, because he didn't have a gift to take with him. He quickly tracked down Sabu, and traded all his belongings for a gift befitting a king.

Next came a group of white-coated Grade 5A scientists, who sang the praises of Artaban, who was "some kind of wise man, he really knows his stuff."

As Artaban and Mortimer made their way to Bethlehem, they met a man in dire circumstances, possibly from "an audit gone bad," joked Mortimer. Artaban gave him a gem that would solve his financial woes, with the angel-in-training assuring him, "I feel sure thee Lord would want it this way."

"As ye have done to the least of these, you have done to Me," caroled a bow-tied Grade 4A choir, agreeing with Mortimer.

A shepherd and his flock of sheep were "not doing too baaaad," on the hills outside of Bethlehem, until they were astounded by the arrival of an angel who announced the Holy birth. Many angels and stars from the Grade 1A class soon appeared, to sing "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Artaban and Mortimer finally made their way to the Bethlehem Inn, where they learned that the Baby and his parents had already checked out and headed for Egypt. The innkeeper was about to turn away a sick old lady, but Artaban, without the Baby to give his last gift to, gave it to her instead, so she could afford food, accommodation and medical care.

The bow-tied choir returned to affirm, "All around us, angels are working."

Artaban felt bad, saying he had missed the Holy birth and had given away the treasures, but Mortimer blessed him for doing this. "As you have done to the least of them," he quoted. "Some people saw (the Lord) in you."

The Grade 2A choir took their turn in the spotlight to sing "Love Came Down" before they were joined by the rest of the cast for a final rendition of "In the Village of the Sun."



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Sabu's roadside emporium even offers "The Legend of the Christmas King."



Mrs. Wood's KA class wore big hats and poinsettias for 'Christmas Dance.'



Mrs. Buryn's Grade 1A class sang of angels heard on high.

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The KB gang salutes their favourite treat in "Gingerbread" (above), while below, the 3B reindeer are ready to rock the night away. More photos, Pg. 7



Santa rocks! in EPE Concert Two

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Elementary School's second concert of the season took the form of a television special, 'Santa's Rockin' Christmas Eve', showing what goes on at the North Pole after Santa's preparations are all done ahead of time, said MCs Kendra Kowchuk and Cole Bendixen, after Zoe Cribbins and Katelyn Boratynec sang O Canada and principal Rob MacDonald gave his words of welcome.

Right after Mrs. Wood's KB class sang 'Gingerbread' and danced their way through the 'Christmas Dance', the show went live from the Snowbank Studios in downtown Jollywood, where stage manager Winter read the rules of the event and host Swingle Kringle enthusiastically declared, "the elves are ready to rock!"

So were Santa's transportation, a rock'n'roll sensation and first on the program with the Reindeer Rock, courtesy of Mrs. Lefebvre's antlered Grade 3B class.

A very classy lady, Susie Snow and her group, the Snowflakes, alias Mrs. Richard's Grade 4B, were back from their world tour just in time for the show, singing the bittersweet ballad, "All Alone Beneath the Mistletoe."

The Snowflakes also were part of the first commercial break, helping Chalet Motors promote their latest sled.

With Santa still not showing up for his guest appearance, Mrs. Claus filled in the gap with some help from Miss Ockerman's and Mrs. Roche's Grade 5B elves and Snowflakes. The lovely Mrs. Claus said it was "quite an honour" to be married to such a great man, and added that she and the big guy had just celebrated their anniversary, resulting in a Snowflakes' serenade, "I'll Remember You, Dear."

Mrs. Tkachuk's well-dressed 2B class was next on the program with their

lively song, and then it was time for a word from the next sponsor! Snowy Zoe's Winter Wear was well represented by Mrs. Wozniak's 1B gang, warmly clad in toques and scarves for their number.

With Santa still not making the scene, Winter donned a beard, hat and red jacket to fill in, but was almost immediately upstaged by the man himself, and surrounded by 1970s flower children from Mrs. Younghans' 6B, ready to move and groove with the man in the big red sleigh, before the rest of the cast joined in for the star-studded finale, singing the title song, 'Santa's Rockin' Christmas Eve.'

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by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Seyi Oyeode

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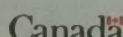
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Students visit Heritage Lodge

Elk Point Elementary School's Grade 6 classes paid a pre-Christmas visit to Heritage Lodge on Tuesday, bringing handmade cards and poinsettias and singing favourite carols for the seniors.



Library takes a holiday break

By DAPHNE SCHNURER
Librarian

Here's hoping you stocked up on your holiday reading material from Elk Point Municipal Library, because we are now closed until the New Year. We will be open again on January 2 and all ready for another year of activities.

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The staff of Servus Credit Union rallied to support Elk Point Palliative Care with a \$500 donation toward the second palliative care room at Elk Point Health Care Centre. Left to right are Servus associate Carmen Berlinguette, Palliative Care members Jean McGinnis, Mary Bezpalko, Fern Sinclair, Donna Fedorus, Teresa McNamara and Anna Robertson and Servus associate Lorrie O'Reilly.

More from Concert Two



The Grade 1B crew was warmly dressed for Thursday's weather ... and Snowy Zoe's commercial break.



All dressed up in their Christmas finery, the Grade 2B class was ready for the show!



County of St. Paul No 19

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Planning & Development Clerk (FULL TIME, PERMANENT)

The Planning and Development department for the County of St. Paul is responsible for implementation of planning and development goals and for establishing and overseeing all planning, development and subdivision processes.

The County of St. Paul is seeking an individual who is interested in filling a permanent, full time position as a planning and development clerk.

Reporting to the Planning and Development Officers, essential duties and responsibilities will include:

- Provide clerical support for the planning and development department including filing, faxing, scanning, photocopying, letter post mailing, receive payments, issue receipts, and respond to inquiries in person, by phone or through electronic mail.
- Assist in the completion and enter development, building, electrical, gas, plumbing and private sewage disposal permit applications
- Monitor and update permit tracking system electronically
- Conduct file searches as required
- Assist with the composition of advertisements
- On a monthly basis prepare the Safety Codes Council levy fee and remittance
- Work closely with contract inspection agency to provide timely safety code information, compliance and monitoring
- Aid in the preparation of external audits
- Assists with subdivisions, rezoning and road closures
- Maintain accurate and timely planning and development information on the County of St. Paul website
- Assist with the Health and Safety program at the County of St. Paul
- Other duties as required by the planning and development department

The ideal candidate will have the following:

- Minimum Grade 12 education
- Class 5 Drivers Licence
- Effective organization and communication skills
- Ability to work with the public in an effective and pleasant manner
- Be self-motivated
- Have the ability to multi-task
- Have the ability to calmly work in stressful situations
- Competent in Microsoft Office. Knowledge of AS400, E-Site and GIS is considered an asset, but not required
- Knowledge of the planning and development process in Alberta will be considered an asset

The County of St. Paul No. 19 offers a competitive salary and benefits package. This job is a permanent, full time position with working hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Interested applicants should send resume, with cover letter, in confidence to:

Planning and Development

5015-49 Ave, St. Paul AB T0A 3A4

kfedoretz@county.stpaul.ab.ca; Fax: 1-780-645-3104

Application deadline is December 31, 2013 at 4:30 pm. The County of St. Paul thanks all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Competition shall remain open until a suitable candidate is selected.



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Announcements

IN MEMORIAM

CAPJACK, Olga
June 21, 1921-Dec. 25, 2003



*Her love lives on
In the lives she touched
With her gentle, caring way
In the words she spoke.
In the hearts she warmed,
In the joy she brought each
day.*

Forever remembered and loved by the Capjack Family.

OBITUARY

LESYK
Gary Richard



On Monday, December 16, 2013 Mr. Gary Richard Lesyk of Bonnyville, Alberta passed away at the age of 62 years.

Gary is lovingly survived by his companion: Donna Weinberger of Bonnyville, AB; daughter: Shelly Lesyk (Dennis Thomas) of Lacombe, AB, son: Jeff Scharer of St. Paul, AB, parents: William and Jean Lesyk of Elk Point, AB, eight siblings: Eugene (Judy) Lesyk of Edmonton, AB, Lorraine (Sid) Stybel of St. Paul, AB, Jeanette (David) Buksa of Elk Point, AB, Doreen (Norman) Haraba of Edmonton, AB, Donna (Doug) Gollidge of Elk Point, AB, Leanne (Doug) Anderson of Tofield, AB, Angie (Bob) Baker of Elk Point, AB, Willie (Kelly) Lesyk of Elk Point, AB; four grandchildren: Chantal, Dustin, Danielle, Cheyanne. Gary was predeceased by his son: Kevin Lesyk in 2006.

A Celebration of Gary's life will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre, Elk Point, AB with Pastor Kelly Sibley officiating. Honorary Pallbearers: Randy Bodnar, Hank Hallwachs, Emile Leguerrier, Paul Bouchard. Pallbearers: Willie Lesyk, Bob Baker, David Buksa, Doug Gollidge, Doug Anderson, Sid Stybel, Jim Zacharuk. Interment Service, Elk Point Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Elk Point, AB.

Memorial tributes in memory of Gary may be sent to Stars Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service Foundation-Head Office 570-1441 Aviation PK NE, Calgary AB, T2E 9Z9 or Haying in the 30's, Cancer Support, PO Box 35, Mallalag, AB, T0A 2K0. Please visit our website at www.memento-funeralchapel.com to view online obituary and send condolences.

Arrangements were in care of Memento Funeral Chapel, Bonnyville and Cold Lake 780-826-3113. The Thackeray Family - A Tradition of Trust since 1975



Jack and Jill Playschool's morning and afternoon classes combined to entertain a capacity crowd of proud parents, grandparents and siblings with their songs to wind up Tuesday's Christmas concert, which was held for the first time at the Christian Community Church.

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Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.
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St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Elk Point

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Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Pastor Don Ford

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Father Andrew Schoenberger

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IN MEMORIAM

STAFFORD, Pete
Aug. 23, 1948-Dec. 25, 2006



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*Your heart of gold stopped beating
Two smiling eyes at rest
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the Best.
The tears in our eyes will wipe away
But the love in our hearts
Will forever stay.*

Loved and missed so very much by Karen and Family.

Playschoolers entertain delighted Christmas crowd

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Parents, grandparents and siblings of Jack and Jill Playschool students filled the Christian Community Church to capacity last Tuesday as both morning and afternoon classes, totaling 29 students in all, presented their annual Christmas Concert.

The event "fills my heart with joy," said teacher Tammy Klatt, as she welcomed the visitors. "What an amazing, fun-filled year we are having!" She said the playschool is "very fortunate" to have its parent volunteers, and thanked them with a poem, "Recipe for Christmas All Year Long."

The morning class was first to perform, singing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Christmas Star" and "Guess Who." Then it was the afternoon class' turn, with "One Little, Two Little Reindeer" and "Santa's On His Way."

The two classes combined to sing "Christmas Time Is Near," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and "Jingle Bells," followed by two rounds of "Happy Birthday" for two of the students.

A marvellous potluck lunch and a visit from Santa were also part of the celebration.

Cantata coming Sunday

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Just a reminder that the Interfaith Christmas Cantata, rescheduled from Sunday, Dec. 8 because of a power outage, will be held this coming Sunday, Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. at Elk Point United Church.

Don't miss this great presentation by a number of our local and area churches, who bring their choirs and congregations together to present this annual evening of music and the annual Nativity pageant.

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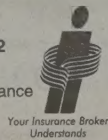
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